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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 KEVIN J. CRANE,

CASE NO. C19-1407JLR

11 Plaintiff,

ORDER OF REFERENCE

12 v.

13 URS MIDWEST, INC., et al.,

14 Defendants.

15 This action is assigned to the Honorable James L. Robart, United States District
16 Judge. All future documents filed in this case must bear the cause number
17 C19-1407JLR-BAT. The court has reviewed the files and records herein and determined
18 that certain pretrial matters are appropriate to refer to a Magistrate Judge as described
19 below.

20 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and Local Rule MJR 3, the court hereby
21 refers to Magistrate Judge Brian A. Tsuchida all motions related to discovery disputes,
22 including but not limited to motions to compel discovery, motions for a protective order

1 related to discovery, and motions related to issues of privilege. *See* 28 U.S.C.
2 § 636(b)(1)(A); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 3(a). Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
3 72(a) governs any objections to Magistrate Judge Brian A. Tsuchida's rulings concerning
4 the above-described discovery motions. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a); Local Rules W.D.
5 Wash. MJR 3(b).

6 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and (C) and Local Rule MJR 4, the court
7 also hereby refers to Magistrate Judge Brian A. Tsuchida for preparation of a report and
8 recommendation all motions (1) for a temporary restraining order pursuant to Federal
9 Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b); (2) for a default judgment pursuant to Federal Rule of
10 Civil Procedure 55(b). *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B); Local Rules W.D. Wash.
11 MJR(a)(3). Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b) governs any further proceedings in
12 this court after Magistrate Judge Brian A. Tsuchida files a report and recommendation.
13 *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 4(c).

14 Accordingly, the court ORDERS that the above-entitled action is referred to
15 Magistrate Judge Brian A. Tsuchida for the specific purposes and types of motions
16 described herein. The court further DIRECTS and EMPOWERS Magistrate Judge Brian
17 A. Tsuchida to conduct hearings and make further necessary orders consistent with 28
18 U.S.C. § 636, the local rules, and this order.

19 Dated this 24th day of September, 2019.

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22 JAMES L. ROBART
United States District Judge